## AUSTRALIA WILL WREST METAL INDUSTRY FROM GERMAN CONTROL

(By Associated Press.)

MELBOURNE, Australia, May 24 .-What was described, before the war began, as German's "domination" of the world's metal trades through Teutonic commercial and industrial supremacy in Australian mining regions, has, after a year of systemized effort virtually been destroyed, according to long statement issued by Hugh Manon, acting attorney general,

Negotiations instituted by William H. Hughes when attorney general and since prosecuted by him as federal prime minister in England, have borne fruit in the creation of a co-operative organization of mining companies in Australia to deal with the commercial metals industry. Through this asso-

tution for the treatment of silver, lead and gold ores and concentrates.

Mr. Mahon's statement tells also of Producers' association, with which is affiliated every important zinc producing company with head offices in the commonwealth. Through the medium of this association, its members have agreed to sell all their market able ore for a period of fifty years.

Replying to an intimation appearing in a London financial journal that Australia's metal industry was perhaps being exploited in the labor interes under the cover of banishing German influence, Mr. Mahon has asserted that the men interested in the metal or ganizations here have "little or no ciation, according to Mr. Mahon's sympathy with the political opinions statement, this giant business is being of the present (labor) government placed on a footing tree from the pos- and that "no party purpose" was consibility of foreign control in the fu-sidered. "It is quite evident," Ma This organization, the Associa- Mahon said, "that German influence ted Smelters Proprietary, Ltd., is pro- is not yet extinct in those circles in habiy the largest metallurgical estab. London which dominate financial liter-

## One Months' Play of Major League of the first month of this year's race play.

notable changes are apparent in the the speed on the bases. Some allowinclement weather of the present spring has been the cause of more postponed games than was the case in 1915. This feature, however, is not sufficient to account for the radi- year ago. If the figures for the precal changes in the standing of a num- sent season can be relied upon there

companying figures.

In the National league the Brooklyn playing form of the major league clubs club is leading the senior association at the close of the first month of the with a batting average of .267 where pennant season when the records are as a year ago the superbas were compared with those of a year ago. seventh with 243. Chicago, which was This is particularly true of the batsent in fifth place with .249 which is about twenty points lower than in ance must be made for the fact that 1915. The Cubs also show a falling off in stolen bases for they pilfered less than a third of the number that

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> has been considerably less activity on case last season for the league average in stolen bases in 1915 was 34 to 21,

Among the American league clubs Washington has shown the greatest improvement. The Nationals are hold ing second place in team batting with .244 while a year ago they were last with .211. The Phildelphia Athletics batting .249 in 1915 are last at present with .216. Cleveland, although leading the league, is nine points below the figures which gave here fourth place at this time last spring. There is not the marked difference in the league average for stolen bases that is apparent in the National league for the records of 1915 show that the eeight clubs had averaged 29 stolen bases last season to 25 for the first nonth of the present race.

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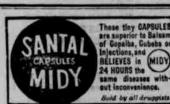
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